country has decreased from 2,62,376 at the end of March, 1996 to 2,35,032 at the end of March, 1997. State-wise data on sick small scale units is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Nayak Committee set up by Reserve Bank of India at the instance of the Government of India had, in its report submitted in September, 1992, *inter-alia*, recommended setting up of BIFR Type authority to deal with the cases of sick SSI units. The recommendation was not accepted by Ministry of Finance for the reasons of practical difficulties in implementing the recommendation. The existing machinery viz. State Level Inter Institutional Committees and Reserve Bank of India's guidelines were considered adequate to tackle the problem of sickness.

Statement

State-Wise Data on Sick Small Scale Industrial units

State/Union Territory	No. of sick units as at the end of March, 1997
Assam	10133
Meghalaya	5531
Mizoram	1199
Bihar	22702
Arunachal Pradesh	26
West Bengal	53451
Nagaland	2738
Manipur	2707
Orissa	3408
Sikkim	30
Tripura	3171
A & N Islands	13
Uttar Pradesh	23286
Delhi	3943
Punjab	2466
Haryana	2574
Chandigarh	170
Jammu & Kashmir	761
Himachal Pradesh	2206
Rajasthan	14561
Gujarat	6310
Maharashtra	19360
Daman & Diu	4
Goa	604
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Madhya Pradesh	12070
Andhra Pradesh	15460
Karnataka	6937
Lakshadweep	0
Tamil Nadu	9809
Kerala	8908
Pondicherry	293
TOTAL	235032

Identification of PSUs for disinvestment

824. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the PSUs for disinvestment under the administrative jurisdiction of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL): (a) and (b) Government have given "in principle" approval for conversion of 23 PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry into joint ventures as part of long term strategy to make them strong and viable. The names of these 23 units are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

Consultants/Merchant Bankers have been appointed in most of the cases and progress is reviewed at various levels. Some of these units were also referred to the Disinvestment Commission.

Statement

List of PSUs under the Department of Heavy Industry where Government has given "in principle" approval for conversion into Joint Venture.

1. Andrew Yule & Company Ltd. (AY&Co.)
2. Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd. (BHPV)

3. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd. (BLC)
4. Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd. (BPCL)
5. Bridge & Roof Company (India) Ltd. (B&R)
6. Cement Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI)
7. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI)
8. Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL)
9. H.M.T. Ltd.
10. H.M.T. (Bearings) Ltd.
11. Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. (HPC)
12. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. (HPF)
13. Hindustan Salts Limited (HSL)
14. Instrumentation Ltd. (ILK)
15. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd. (LAGAN)
16. Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd. (MNPM)
17. Nepa Ltd. (NEPA)
18. National Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (NIDC)
19. Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL)
20. Scooters India Ltd. (SIL)
21. Sambhar Salts Ltd. (SSL)
22. Tungabhadra Steel Products. (TSPL)
23. Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. (TCIL)

825. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of small car projects presently operating in the country together with the production and sale of small cars during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) what is the policy of Government in relation to these projects, keeping in view the growing petroleum import bill and the successive balance of payment position for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) All the approvals given by the Government are of passenger cars and the firms have flexibility to manufacture the models and range according to the market conditions. There is no separate small car project. The 800 c car being produced by Maruti Udyog Limited and having two box chamber is popularly called 'small car' Under this definition, passenger cars, viz. 'Maruti 800' and 'Maruti Zen' being manufactured by Maruti Udyog Limited, 'Fiat Uno' by M/s. Ind Auto Limited 'Santro' by M/s. Hyundai India Limited and 'Matiz' by M/s. Daewoo India Limited, presently come under the small car category. Production and sales figures for the last five years for Maruti 800, Maruti Zen and Fiat Uno are given below:—

Government's policy regarding small cars

Year*	M 800		ZEN		Fiat UNO**	
	Production	Sales	Production	Sales	Production	Sales
1994-95	117056	116862	14926	14649	—	—
1995-96	151442	151521	33561	33192	—	—
1996-97	189852	190552	67369	67307	1532	1458
1997-98	190523	190208	80634	79593	4317	4061
1998-99*	102753	100726	48653	48396	5729	5194

*Upto end October'98

**Launched in 1996

'Santro' and 'Matiz' were launched only in October 1998 and hence their data is not available.

(b) In the present liberalised regime, investment decisions are left to the commercial perceptions of the investor.